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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A disposable ~~absorbent article~~ training pant comprising:

 an absorbent chassis defining a front waist region, a back waist region and a crotch region interconnecting the front waist region and the back waist region;

 an outer cover;

 a ~~body-side~~ bodyside liner at least partially bonded to the outer cover;

and

 a swellable absorbent core positioned between the outer cover and the ~~body-side~~ bodyside liner having an initial thickness (t_i), the absorbent core swellable to a final thickness (t_f), $t_f \geq 3t_i$,

 wherein the disposable ~~absorbent article~~ has training pant having an overall absorbent capacity of about 300 g or less.
2. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent article~~ training pant of Claim 1 wherein $t_f \geq 5t_i$.

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3. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent article~~
training pant of Claim 1 wherein the initial thickness is less than about 2.0 mm.

4. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent article~~
training pant of Claim 1 wherein the initial thickness is less than about 1.5 mm.

5. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent article~~
training pant of Claim 1 wherein the initial thickness is less than about 1.0 mm.

6. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent article~~
training pant of Claim 1 wherein the initial thickness is about 0.5 mm to about 1.0
mm.

7. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent article~~
training pant of Claim 1 wherein the ~~absorbent article~~ training pant has an initial
thickness less than about 3.0 mm.

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8. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent article training pant of Claim 1 wherein the absorbent article training pant has an initial thickness less than about 2.5 mm.

9. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent article training pant of Claim 1 wherein the absorbent article training pant has an initial thickness less than about 2.0 mm.

10. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent article training pant of Claim 1 wherein the absorbent core has a width of at least about 25 mm.

11. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent article training pant of Claim 1 wherein the absorbent core has a width of at least about 50 mm.

12. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent article training pant of Claim 1 wherein the absorbent core has a width of at least about 100 mm.

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13. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent article training pant of Claim 1 wherein the absorbent core has a length of about 25 mm to about 700 mm.

14. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent article training pant of Claim 1 wherein the absorbent core has a length of about 250 mm to about 600 mm.

15. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent article training pant of Claim 1 wherein the absorbent core has a length of about 300 mm to about 550 mm.

16. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent article training pant of Claim 1 wherein the absorbent core has an overall absorbent capacity of at least about 100 g.

17. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent article training pant of Claim 1 wherein the absorbent core has an overall absorbent capacity of about 130 g to about 200 g.

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18. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent article training pant of Claim 1 wherein the absorbent core has an overall absorbent capacity of about 140 g to about 180 g.

19. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent article training pant of Claim 1 wherein the absorbent core comprises a high swelling absorbent material.

20. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent article training pant of Claim 1 further comprising a surge layer placed over the absorbent core.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~An absorbent garment~~ A disposable training pant comprising:

an absorbent chassis having a front waist region and a back waist region joined to define a pant configuration having a waist opening and a pair of leg openings, and an outer cover and a bodyside liner which is connected to the outer cover in a superposed relation; and

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an absorbent core located between the outer cover and the bodyside liner, the absorbent core having a total absorbent capacity not greater than about three times an anticipated insult volume;

wherein the absorbent core ~~[[is]]~~ swellable upon an insult to a final wet thickness at least about three times greater than an initial dry thickness of the absorbent core.

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~absorbent garment~~ disposable training pant of Claim 21 wherein the final wet thickness is at least about five times greater than the initial dry thickness.

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~absorbent garment~~ disposable training pant of Claim 21 wherein the initial dry thickness is less than about 2.0 mm.

24. (Currently Amended) The ~~absorbent garment~~ disposable training pant of Claim 21 wherein the initial dry thickness is less than about 1.5 mm.

25. (Currently Amended) The ~~absorbent garment~~ disposable training pant of Claim 21 wherein the initial dry thickness is less than about 1.0 mm.

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26. (Currently Amended) The ~~absorbent garment~~ disposable training pant of Claim 21 wherein the initial dry thickness is about 0.5 mm to about 1.0 mm.

27. (Currently Amended) The ~~absorbent garment~~ disposable training pant of Claim 21 wherein the initial dry thickness is about 0.60 mm to about 0.85 mm.

28. (Currently Amended) The ~~absorbent garment~~ disposable training pant of Claim 21 wherein the final wet thickness is greater than about 3.75 mm.

29. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent garment~~ training pant of Claim 21 wherein the ~~absorbent article~~ training pant has an initial thickness less than about 3.0 mm.

30. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent garment~~ training pant of Claim 21 wherein the ~~absorbent article~~ training pant has an initial thickness less than about 2.5 mm.

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31. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent garment~~ training pant of Claim 21 wherein the ~~absorbent article~~ training pant has an initial thickness less than about 2.0 mm.

32. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent garment~~ training pant of Claim 21 wherein the absorbent core has a width of at least about 25 mm.

33. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent garment~~ training pant of Claim 21 wherein the absorbent core has a width of at least about 50 mm.

34. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent garment~~ training pant of Claim 21 wherein the absorbent core has a width of at least about 100 mm.

35. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent garment~~ training pant of Claim 21 wherein the absorbent core has a length of about 25 mm to about 700 mm.

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36. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent garment~~
training pant of Claim 21 wherein the absorbent core has a length of about 250 mm
to about 600 mm.

37. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent garment~~
training pant of Claim 21 wherein the absorbent core has a length of about 300 mm
to about 550 mm.

38. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent garment~~
training pant of Claim 21 wherein the absorbent core has an overall absorbent
capacity of about 30 g to about 400 g.

39. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent garment~~
training pant of Claim 21 wherein the absorbent core has an overall absorbent
capacity of greater than about 100 g.

40. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent garment~~
training pant of Claim 21 wherein the absorbent core has an overall absorbent
capacity of about 130 g to about 200 g.

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41. (Currently Amended) The ~~absorbent garment~~ disposable training pant of Claim 21 wherein the absorbent core comprises a high swelling absorbent material.

Claims 42-45. (Canceled)

46. (Currently Amended) A disposable absorbent article training pant comprising:

an absorbent chassis defining a front waist region, a back waist region and a crotch region interconnecting the front waist region and the back waist region;

an outer cover;

a body-side bodyside liner at least partially bonded to the outer cover;

a swellable absorbent core positioned between the outer cover and the body-side bodyside liner having an initial thickness (t_i), the absorbent core swellable to a final thickness (t_f) whereby a void area is formed in the swellable absorbent core,
 $t_f \geq 3t_i$,

~~wherein the disposable absorbent article has~~ training pant having an overall absorbent capacity of about 300 g or less.

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47. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent article~~
training pant of Claim 46 wherein $t_f \geq 5t_i$.
48. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent article~~
training pant of Claim 46 wherein the initial thickness is less than about 2.0 mm.
49. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent article~~
training pant of Claim 46 wherein the initial thickness is less than about 1.5 mm.
50. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent article~~
training pant of Claim 46 wherein the initial thickness is less than about 1.0 mm.
51. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent article~~
training pant of Claim 46 wherein the initial thickness is about 0.5 mm to about 1.0
mm.
52. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent article~~
training pant of Claim 46 wherein the ~~absorbent article~~ training pant has an initial
thickness less than about 3.0 mm.

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53. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent article~~ training pant of Claim 46 wherein the ~~absorbent article~~ training pant has an initial thickness less than about 2.5 mm.

54. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent article~~ training pant of Claim 46 wherein the ~~absorbent article~~ training pant has an initial thickness less than about 2.0 mm.

55. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent article~~ training pant of Claim 46 wherein the absorbent core has a width of about 100 mm to about 400 mm.

56. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent article~~ training pant of Claim 46 wherein the absorbent core has a length of about 100 mm to about 400 mm.

57. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent article~~ training pant of Claim 46 wherein the absorbent core has an overall absorbent capacity of about 130 g to about 200 g.

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58. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent article~~
training pant of Claim 46 wherein the absorbent core has an overall absorbent
capacity of about 140 g to about 180 g.

59. (Currently Amended) The disposable ~~absorbent article~~
training pant of Claim 46 wherein the absorbent core comprises a high swelling
absorbent material.